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**Subject:** OPP EPI framework & IRIS handbook: RE: competing priorities for the same staff

All,  
Two items on the epi framework and handbook:

1. For reviewing the OPP Epi framework:

John has asked Molini Patel to review

David is suggesting Tom (Bateson?) is available if Barbara has other priorities

My understanding from Lynn is that we need to look for any general contradictions quickly – and I perceive quickly as by the meeting next week, Dec 14, that OSP is having with OPP and to which I was invited. Would you like me to include Molini, Tom and/or Barbara? Then can we provide more formal comments by the deadline of Mon 19<sup>th</sup>?

Here is the message in the meeting invite from Jackie McQueen for the 14th:

“Discuss OPP’s epi framework, and the IRIS epi chapter (hopefully). We will add others once we know who in NCEA can participate. Please forward in OPP as appropriate.

Anna, this time coincides with the start of a break during the glyphosate SAP. If you prefer a later time, let me know.

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2. For sharing the Epi portions of the IRIS handbook

I can help you all identify which parts to share with OPP after our orientation meeting at 1 today?

-Emma

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Regarding the Handbook, the Systematic Review Workgroup will be giving us an orientation today but they have self-selected three “editors” (those most intimately involved in systematic review to cover the major areas – epi, tox, mechanistic) to pull it all together. We have a new timeline in which we will not have a draft for review until December 20<sup>th</sup> (I’ll be canceling the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>). This group includes Barbara and Andrew who have been instrumental in the Handbook development and resolution of systematic review concepts. We are really close on the Handbook and losing these two completely would be hard. Plus, they may not want to give up the Handbook.

Unfortunately, our epidemiologists are being stretched thin due to the competing, high level priorities. The OPP framework should be a quick review. If Tom and others could help with this, that would free up Barbara’s time.

It would be good to know what is needed on formaldehyde...perhaps we can bring in support. The hiring should be winding down and Ravi could get back to formaldehyde, so there’s that ☺

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My vote is to make formaldehyde our highest priority. Others can step up and help with the OPP framework review and the IRIS handbook. Sustained progress on IRIS assessments is “job 1”!

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We have some tradeoffs to juggle re time from Barbara Glenn, and perhaps Tom Bateson and Andrew Kraft.

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I think in the near-term, we do want to provide input re OPP's epi framework, and we do want to move the Handbook out.

Does that sound right?

BUT,... I would really like help from NCEA senior management to not just give up on formaldehyde. We are very close. I really feel I need some IO support for getting it going or we will just keep borrowing time from its authors. (As another example, I appreciate Ravi's recent focus on hiring; the right short-term priority. But, I'd really like his time soon to finish up revisions to the Formaldehyde BBDR discussion.)

None of us know what will happen with a formaldehyde assessment as it moves into agency or interagency review in a new administration. But, so much has gone into it, and it has so much solid work and writing, that I really think we need to at least move it to the stage where it receives agency review!

David